



Salem-Zion Mennonite Church

September 25, 2022

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Prelude – "Come, Thou Fount" (arr. Michael Burkhardt) Dan Graber

Choral Call to Worship – "Hallelujah, I'm Ready" Bluegrass group

Welcome Gwen Ortman

Lighting the Peace Lamp

Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

* Hymn – *I Sing the Mighty Power of God* VT #182

Greeting one another "Peace be with you." "And also with you."

Celebrating our Offerings – Student Tuition Sharing Fund

Children's Story Mary Mannes

PROCLAIMING

Special Music – "I'll Meet You in the Morning"
"By the Mark Where the Nails Have Been"

Hearing the Scriptures – Exodus 32:1-8, Psalm 139:1-16, I Corinthians 2:9-16

Sermon – "Idols, Inner Self, and Invitations" Polly Waltner

RESPONDING

Song – *When Hands Reach Out* VT #513

Sharing and Congregational Prayer Gwen Ortman

* Sending Song – *God, Be the Love* VT #43

* Blessing

* Choral Benediction – "Old Daniel Prayed"

Postlude – "Tis' the Old Ship of Zion" (arr. Daniel Burton)

Musicians: Collin Waltner, Ben Harder, Nick Schrag, Jason Douma, Dan Graber

Church Calendar

Deadline for bulletin submissions is 8:30 p.m. Wednesday; salemzion@gwtc.net

TODAY

This morning we welcome Polly Waltner to the pulpit. We are so glad you are here to worship with us today.

The offering that we are celebrating today is for the **Student Tuition Sharing Fund**.

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School for all ages

10:30 a.m. – Worship Service

2:00 p.m. – Fuente de Vida church service

THIS WEEK

Sept. 30 (Fri) – Fuente de Vida church service at 7:00 p.m.

NEXT SUNDAY – Oct. 2

Next week the theme is **World Communion Sunday**. The texts are Psalm 96, II Timothy 1:1-14 and Luke 17:5-10. Pastor Corey will be preaching and we will be celebrating communion together with Christ's church all over the world. The offering is for the **Household Treasury**.

COMING EVENTS

Nov. 6 – Guess Who's Coming to Dinner

Salem-Zion Prayer Requests & News

Happenings over the past week:

- Corey and Nancy left for Virginia on Thursday to help Hannah move into her new apartment in Harrisonburg. They will return back to Freeman on Tuesday.

Remember to pray for:

- those who cannot be here today: Nita Engbrecht.

- John David Kenney, pastor of West Union Mennonite Church, who was ordained on September 18th. Pray for God's blessing on the ministry that John David and West Union Mennonite share.

In celebrating **Pastor Appreciation Month** (October), the deacons invite you to acknowledge the work of Pastor Corey by giving him a kind word, a card, an email, or anything else you would like. We are so looking forward to having Corey back in the church, in the pulpit, and at all our many committee meetings!! :)

During COVID our worship time together continued, but in a very different way; Sunday School also had to change. Thankfully, we are back together at Salem-Zion. **Now is the time to consider renewing your commitment to Sunday School or, perhaps, taking the opportunity to join for the first time.** Sunday School is a safe and welcoming place to study God's word, share stories, express views and develop relationships. Thank you to the following teachers:

Youth: Nathan Epp, Andre Eisenbeis, Lance Friesen, substitute Steve Graber
Young Adults: Class Led, currently studying Peaceful Practices by MCC
Fellowship Hall: Tim Eisenbeis, Janette Epp, Marlan Kaufman, S. Roy Kaufman, substitute Marlo Ortman
South Room: Member volunteers

This quarter's **Everence Toolkit** is now available. It was emailed with the bulletin, but hard copies are also available in the narthex. The administrative board is pleased to announce that **Nick Schrag is Salem-Zion's new Everence Stewardship Advocate.** Moving forward, Nick will serve as our connection to Everence.

The selection committee has compiled the **fall selection ballot**, and extra copies are available on the tables in the narthex. If you haven't already done so, please pick up a ballot and return it to the box in the narthex by Monday, October 10. Consider completing the ballot while referring to the Time and Talent Survey results. A copy of those results was emailed on Thursday, but you can also pick up a hard copy in the narthex to take home (extra copies were made). If you have questions, contact a member of the selection committee: Tim Graber, Clara Graber, Malynda Penner.

Living our Mission: "As followers of Jesus Christ, our purpose is to live and share the good news of Christ's kingdom, welcoming all as we worship, study, fellowship, and serve others together."

Community Connections

Rural Revival will meet on Monday, Sept. 26 at 8.00 P.M. in the Freeman Public Library. All are welcome.

The September edition of **On the Level** is now available from Mennonite Disaster Service at <https://conta.cc/3xCpfz4>. In our current issue: Executive Director Kevin King shares lessons learned while hiking, learn about the need for volunteers this fall plus details of a new MDS warehouse in California.

Please see the poster on the bulletin board in the narthex regarding an event with illusionists **David and Teesha Laflin** on October 2 at 4:00pm at the Freeman Community Center. One of the sponsors of the event is the Freeman Ministerium.

Mennonite Healthcare Fellowship (MHF) invites healthcare providers in all disciplines, including allied health, and all interested in the intersection of health and faith to our Annual Gathering at MCC's Welcoming Place in Akron, PA, October 14th-16th, 2022. The theme is: Coming Together at the Well - Renewal Through Exploring the Five Life Standards. Participants will have the opportunity to explore and discuss the Five Life Standards from More-With-Less and how they apply to health and healing as well as hear from keynote speaker Malinda Elizabeth Berry, PhD, professor at AMBS. Commuter registration is available for local participants. Registration information at mennohealth.org/annual-gathering-2022/.

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